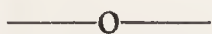
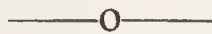


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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**  
and the  
**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**  
for the year  
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## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To : The Chairman and Councillors of the Urban District Council of Northam.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the District for the year 1965.

The Registrar General's mid-year estimated figure for the District was 7,080 an increase of 200 over the previous year.

There was a small decrease in the number of births from 103 to 78 and the total number of deaths increased from 109 to 112 as compared with 1964.

There were 2 infant deaths under the age of one year giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 25.64 per 1,000 Live Births.

There was a total of 112 deaths in the area, 102 being people over the age of 55. This figure is higher than the national average because of the great number of retired people in the area.

The number of illegitimate births fell from 9 in 1964 to 3 in 1965.

### Public Health Committee. Year 1965/6.

Chairman : W. J. V. Lamey

Councillors :	R. H. K. Evers	M. T. Hutchings
	A. S. Harman	Brig. T. P. Keene
	W. J. Harris	J. O. Morrish
	Mrs. E. M. Hilder	G. Northcott
	H. E. Hopkins	J. T. Payne
	G. W. G. Hutchings	A. C. Saunders

### Staff

The Staff of the Public Health Department consists of :—

#### Part-time Officer.

E. Williams, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.  
Medical Officer of Health.

#### Whole-time Officer.

C. J. Utting, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
Public Health Inspector.

## General Statistics of the District.

Area in Acres .....	4134
Population (Registrars-General's Mid-Year Estimate) .....	7.080
Population at 1961 Census .....	6.572
Rateable Value (as at 1-4-65) .....	£226776
Product of a Penny Rate (Year 1965/66) .....	£902
General Rate per £. for Year 1964/65 .....	10.81.
Number of Inhabited Houses .....	2812
Number of Council Houses .....	269
Density of Persons per House .....	2.52

## Extracts from Vital Statistics:—

Births : Area Comparability Factor .....	1.27
Deaths : Area Comparability Factor .....	0.69

## Vital Statistics.

Live Births	
Number .....	78
Rate per 1,000 population .....	11.02
Rate per 1,000 population adjusted by Comparability Factor .....	13.99
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births .....	3.84

## Stillbirths.

Number .....	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births .....	Nil
Total Live and Still Births .....	78
Infant Deaths (death under 1 year) .....	2
Infant Mortality Rates.	
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births .....	25.64
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births .....	26.66
Illegimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births .....	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate. (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births) .....	12.82
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total Live Births) .....	Nil
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths) .....	Nil
Maternal Mortality (including abortion).	
Number of Deaths .....	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births .....	Nil
Deaths .....	112
Death Rate per 1,000 population .....	15.81
Death Rate per 1,000 population adjusted by Comparability Factor .....	10.90

## Infectious Diseases.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.—Number of cases notified .....	4
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.—Number of cases notified .....	1
Measles.—Number of cases notified .....	16
Scarlet Fever.—Number of cases notified. ....	1

## Causes of death at different periods of life.

[illegible]



**Causes of death at different periods of life—continued.**

	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks/under 1 year	1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 and over
Other Heart Disease	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Other Circulatory Disease	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Pneumonia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Bronchitis	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	5	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
All other accidents	M	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Total all causes	M	56	—	1	—	—	3	—	1	2	13	19	17
	F	56	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	15	34

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To :—The Chairman and Councillors of the Urban District Council  
of Northam.

I beg to submit a report on the work of the Public Health Inspector  
for the year 1965.

### Summary of Visits.

#### General Sanitation

Water Supply .....	37
Drainage .....	273
Stables and Piggeries .....	4
Fried Fish Shops .....	8
Tents, Vans and Sheds .....	32
Factories .....	30
Workplaces .....	6
Outworkers .....	25
Bakehouses .....	9
Rent Act .....	1
Public Conveniences .....	3
Licensed Premises .....	50
Refuse Collection .....	13
Refuse Disposal .....	29
Rats and Mice .....	147
Atmospheric Pollution .....	20
Schools .....	8
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act .....	212
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits .....	167
Building Surveying .....	44

#### Housing.

Number of Houses inspected under Public Health Act .....	34
Re-Visits paid to the above .....	54
Visits under Housing Acts .....	42
Re-Visits paid to the above Houses .....	42
Overcrowding, number houses inspected .....	7
Re-Visits paid to the above .....	4
Filthy or Verminous Premises, number houses inspected .....	22
Re-Visits paid to the above .....	14
Miscellaneous Housing Visits .....	45
Improvement Grants .....	154

#### Infectious Diseases.

Inquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases .....	6
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## Summary of Visits—continued.

### Meat and Food Inspection.

#### Inspection of Meat.

Visits to Slaughterhouses .....	2
Visits to Shops and Stalls .....	2
Visits to other Premises .....	2

#### Food Premises.

Hotels etc. ....	44
Visits to Butchers .....	31
Visits to Canteens .....	13
Dairies and Milk Distributors .....	2
Fishmongers and Poulterers .....	4
Food Preparing Premises .....	22
Grocers .....	76
Greengrocers and Fruiterers .....	10
Ice-Cream Premises .....	56
Market Stalls .....	8
Restaurants .....	64
Street Vendors and Hawkers Carts .....	33
Schools .....	5
Institutions .....	5
Clubs .....	7
Licensed Premises .....	51
Bakeries .....	28

#### In Connection with Sampling.

Ice-Cream .....	174
Miscellaneous Food Visits .....	40
<b>Total of all Visits</b> .....	<b>2221</b>

#### The following is a list of Food Premises in the District.

Bread and Cakes .....	4
Cafes and Restaurants .....	19
Dairies .....	3
Fish and Chips .....	4
Fruit and Vegetables .....	7
Groceries and General Provisions .....	24
Ice-Cream .....	3
Meat .....	7
Public Houses .....	21
Hotels and Holiday Camps .....	12
Sweets and Confectionery .....	10
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>114</b>



**Sampling.**

**Ice Cream.**

Number of samples taken .....	64
Number of samples found unsatisfactory .....	12
Number of premises etc. selling un-wrapped ice cream .....	24

The wrapped ice cream is decreasing in popularity and being replaced by the cone and the wafer. This necessitates handling of the ice cream by the retailer and I have therefore confined the sampling to these premises. Contamination usually occurs in the water used to rinse the handling equipment and in most cases where the sample was unsatisfactory the necessary sterilant had not been added.

**Water Supply.**

Every week the North Devon Water Board take bacteriological samples of drinking water and I am happy to report that every sample taken has been satisfactory.

Several complaints have been received but all have been unfounded except in one case where well water was contaminated by sewage. The source was not found but the house is now on the main water supply.

**Food.**

The County Council being the Food and Drugs Authority, took 21 formal samples of various foods during the year. All the samples were found to be genuine.

**Condemned Food.**

107lbs. of food was found to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered. The food was so disposed of as to prevent it being used for human consumption.

**Improvement Grants.**

18 applications for a standard improvement grant were approved and payment has been made on 14 completed improvements.  
2 applications for a discretionary improvement grant were approved but no payment has been made for completed improvements.

**Complaints.**

During the year 117 complaints have been received and the majority have been satisfactorily dealt with.

## Factories.

The following tables show details of inspection during the year.

## Factories.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—	—
2. Factories not included in 1. which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	20	16	3	—
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	20	16	3	—

**Factories.**

**Cases in which defects were found.**

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspect.	Referred by H.M. Inspect.	
1. Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	—	—	—	—	—
2. Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
3. Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
4. Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
5. Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
6. Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
a. Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
b. Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	—	—
c. Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
7. Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

**Outwork.**

	Section 110			Section 111		
Nature of work	Number of Outworkers in Aug. list (S.110 1c).	Number of cases of default in sending lists	Number of Prosecutions for failure to send list	Number of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (making etc.)	24	—	—	—	—	—